

# TOWN OF HERNDON

*Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community*



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### **HERNDON TOWN MANAGER RECOGNIZED AMONG “THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR MARK” IN FORMER COMMUNITY**

Herndon, VA (June 26, 2006) – *Powhatan Today*, the premier community newspaper in Powhatan, Virginia, marked the occasion of its twentieth anniversary by recognizing “20 People Who Have Left Their Mark” on the county just outside of Richmond. Included in the list: Herndon Town Manager Stephen F. Owen, who served as county administrator in Powhatan from 1993 to 2002.

Carolyn Cios, current Powhatan county administrator who worked under Owen during his time there, told editors of *Powhatan Today* that he was “an inspiration to all who knew him. He created an overall positive environment in the administration building.” Projects spearheaded by Owen during his tenure at Powhatan included renovation of a former school building into usable office and community space; planning of the county’s juvenile detention center; and development of the county’s utilities. He also worked closely with the county’s board of supervisors on projects to enhance educational opportunities, to include the opening of a new elementary school and high school and the planning of a new county library.

“This recognition by *Powhatan Today* may have come as a surprise to Steve, but it’s no surprise to those of us who work with him here in Herndon,” said Herndon Mayor Michael L.

O'Reilly. "He is a first-rate administrator who is highly deserving of recognition by his professional peers and by the communities in which he serves."

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

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